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1. FRG-PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON MFN IN PARA 7(D) OF REF B
SEEMS BEST OF FOUR ALTERNATIVES, ALTHOUGH IT DOES LITTLE
MORE THAN SHIFT MFN CLAUSE FROM PREAMBULAR TO OPERATIVE
SECTION OF RESOLUTION ON TRADE OBSTACLES.

2. SO-CALLED FINAL EC CONCESSION (PARA 8 OF REF B) SEEMS
UNREALISTIC BECAUSE IT IDENTIFIES MOST OF SUBJECTS THAT
WOULD BE INVOLVED IN SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS BUT LEAVES OUT
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QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS WHICH EAST IS MOST CONCERNED

ABOUT. FOR PRESENT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH EC IN HOLDING BACK FROM MENTION OF QR'S WITH A VIEW TO USING QR'S FOR LATER BARGAINING OVER EASTERN CONCESSIONS, EITHER IN SAME RESOLUTION OR ON INFORMATION AND CONTACTS. EC SHOULD BE REMINDED, HOWEVER, THAT A TEXT WHICH APPEARED TO SINGLE OUT US ON MFN ISSUE WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. UNTIL NOW WEST HAS PROCEEDED ON BASIS OF DELIBERATE

AMBIGUITY OVER MEANING OF MFN IN CSCE CONTEXT. THIS WILL NOT HOWEVER PROVE SATISFACTORY WAY TO DEAL WITH ISSUE IN FINAL DOCUMENT. FRG SEEMS TO RECOGNIZE THIS FACT (PARA 9 REF B).

3. EXCEPT FOR ITS FAILURE TO SPECIFY QR'S, WE COULD SUPPORT LANGUAGE IN PARA 8 OF REF B AS A FURTHER FALLBACK IF IT BECOMES DESIRABLE TO LINK REFERENCE TO SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SUBJECTS WHICH MIGHT BE COVERED THEREIN. FORMULATION HAS ADVANTAGE OVER THAT FOUND IN PARA 3A OF REF A BY INCLUDING A BALANCED LIST OF SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO BOTH EAST AND WEST.

4. PHRASE "IN APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES" SHOULD ALSO BE RETAINED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF US LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS. RUSH

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